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CHANGES IN DIRECTORY

Station Added

Bozeman, Montana (590): Beef-cattle investigations; Dr. Richard T. Clark.

Change of Address of Official in Charge

Dr. J. W. Murdoch, P. O. Box 1298, Indianapolis 6, Ind. (office, 248 Consolidated Bldg., 115 N. Pennsylvania St.), instead of 248 Consolidated Bldg., 115 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis 4, Ind.

LIVESTOCK INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION, JULY 1946

Port of entry	Cattle	Swine	Sheep	Goats	Horses	Mules and asses
Mexican border ports.....					280	19
Canadian border ports.....	11,536	45	106		2,444	
July 1946.....	11,536	45	106		2,724	19
July 1945.....	11,092	42	919		1,638	12

Refused entry: 64 cattle. (This figure is not included in the table above.)

SUMMARY OF TUBERCULOSIS-ERADICATION WORK IN COOPERATION WITH STATES, JULY 1946

State or Territory	Tuberculin tests during month			Accredited herds ¹	Herds under supervision	Inspector in charge	State official
	Cattle	Infected premises	Reacted				
Alabama.....	1,440	3	4	733	270,876	B. N. Lauderdale.	R. S. Sugg, Auburn.
Arizona.....	1,117	5	13	2	12,593	F. L. Schneider...	Vego Mikkelsen, Phoenix.
Arkansas.....	815	1	1	0	228,256	A. W. Rice.....	Joe S. Campbell, Little Rock.
California.....	49,253	21	157	7	74,669	H. M. O'Rear.....	A. K. Carr, Sacramento.
Colorado.....	1,885	4	4	22	60,846	Edgar Heiny.....	R. M. Gow, Denver.
Connecticut.....	4,553	13	54	13,800	14,835	R. L. Smith.....	Robert E. Foote, Hartford.
Delaware.....	3,354	0	0	2,198	7,788	O. L. Lockwood...	Harry McDaniel, Jr., Dover.
Dist. of Col.....	170	0	0	2	17	Elmer Lash, Acting.	
Florida.....	9,356	3	5	41	67,656	T. H. Applewhite.	J. V. Knapp, Tallahassee.
Georgia.....	1,346	1	1	84	243,275	W. C. Dendinger...	Tom Linder, Atlanta.
Idaho.....	2,863	1	1	28	51,500	F. F. Fischer.....	A. P. Schneider, Boise.
Illinois.....	53,084	36	51	669	244,463	A. K. Kuttler.....	C. E. Fidler, Springfield.
Indiana.....	13,588	9	26	1,166	147,750	J. W. Murdoch.....	G. E. Botkin, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	13,465	34	59	457	194,440	J. A. Barger.....	C. C. Mills, Des Moines.
Kansas.....	21,397	32	67	154	171,032	W. E. Logan.....	Will J. Frank, Topeka.
Kentucky.....	2,215	0	0	18	163,867	E. E. Coshow.....	B. F. Pigg, Frankfort.
Louisiana.....	1,221	1	1	0	148,804	E. C. Hughes.....	E. P. Flower, Baton Rouge.
Maine.....	530	1	1	73	43,817	B. J. Cady.....	Francis G. Buzzell, Augusta.
Maryland.....	15,434	9	9	14,712	45,696	O. L. Lockwood...	A. L. Brueckner, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	9,760	10	30	20,117	21,734	E. M. Aldrich...	W. H. Shannon, Acting, Boston.
Michigan.....	13,262	8	8	70	207,087	C. H. Hays.....	C. F. Clark, Lansing.
Minnesota.....	84,774	17	23	635	180,985	F. C. Driver.....	Ralph L. West, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	1,107	0	0	9	260,186	Hartwell Robbins...	H. C. Simmons, Jackson.
Missouri.....	992	0	0	59	239,637	W. A. McDonald...	H. E. Curry, Jefferson City.
Montana.....	1,281	1	1	19	73,033	G. W. Cronen.....	W. J. Butler, Helena.
Nebraska.....	6,669	4	6	24	135,277	J. E. Peterman.....	R. J. Snyder, Lincoln.
Nevada.....	1	0	0	0	3,441	E. E. Maas.....	W. B. Earl, Reno.
New Hampshire.....	2,679	1	1	17,529	20,836	E. M. Aldrich.....	R. W. Smith, Concord.
New Jersey.....	15,222	25	39	12,105	14,867	J. R. Porteus.....	R. A. Hendershott, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	293	0	0	2	25,450	F. L. Schneider...	Sam McCue, Albuquerque.
New York.....	61,036	16	63	115,471	122,524	H. B. Leonard.....	Ivan G. Howe, Albany.
North Carolina.....	4,123	0	0	562	256,713	A. A. Husman.....	William Moore, Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	7,267	8	14	183	68,003	F. M. Shigley.....	T. O. Brandenburg, Bismarck.
Ohio.....	29,175	8	26	740	231,770	A. J. DeFosset...	D. C. Hyde, Columbus.
Oklahoma.....	946	1	1	13	160,408	C. H. Fauks.....	W. W. Rosenberry, Oklahoma City.
Oregon.....	17,348	13	16	2,189	177,909	S. B. Foster.....	W. H. Lytle, Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	23,872	26	79	5,791	163,721	J. B. Reidy.....	C. P. Bishop, Harrisburg.
Rhode Island.....	2,412	4	5	2,582	2,916	E. M. Aldrich.....	R. S. Barber, Providence.
South Carolina.....	2,300	2	4	117	57,934	T. W. Boman.....	J. A. Mays, Columbia.
South Dakota.....	5,522	2	3	5	73,365	Neil Plank.....	R. S. Robinson, Pierre.
Tennessee.....	1,003	0	0	24	204,948	H. L. Fry.....	C. E. Kord, Nashville.
Texas.....	12,458	8	28	62	372,281	H. L. Darby.....	Dan J. Anderson, Fort Worth.
Utah.....	4,088	5	6	0	83,111	F. H. Melvin.....	J. I. Curtis, Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	7,224	9	29	15,053	21,553	N. H. Howlett.....	Stanley Judd, Montpelier.
Virginia.....	6,164	2	3	488	199,500	H. S. Miller.....	H. C. Givens, Richmond.
Washington.....	3,427	7	8	9	87,090	J. C. Exline.....	H. A. Trippier, Olympia.
West Virginia.....	1,734	0	0	614	116,257	H. M. Newton.....	T. C. Green, Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	65,102	28	42	4,331	176,650	J. S. Healy.....	V. S. Larson, Madison.
Wyoming.....	598	0	0	2	21,893	W. I. Bowersox...	George H. Good, Cheyenne.
Hawaii.....	2,948	2	25	0	1,800	A. H. Julien.....	E. H. Willers, Honolulu.
Puerto Rico.....	5,261	8	14	0	62,568	S. H. Still.....	Luis A. Izquierdo, San Juan.
Virgin Islands.....	0	0	0	0	420	S. H. Still.....	H. L. Butler, Christiansted.
Total.....	597,134	389	928	232,971	6,038,097		

¹ All States are 100 percent modified accredited. Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are also in the modified accredited area.

SUMMARY OF BRUCELLOSIS (BANG'S DISEASE) WORK IN COOPERATION WITH STATES, JULY 1946 ¹

State or Terri- tory	Tests made of blood samples dur- ing month		Tests of herds containing reactors				Calves vaccinated during month	Modified accredited counties	Total ac- credited		Herds under supervision	Total cattle on waiting list
	Herds	Cattle	Herds	Cattle	Reactors				Herds	Cattle		
					For slaughter	Held in calf- hood vac- cinated herds ²						
Alabama.....	1, 264	10, 285	299	6, 888	471	42	733	44	4	100	182, 393	12, 732
Arizona.....	221	1, 347	30	702	63	10	230	0	1	86	1, 515	0
Arkansas.....	294	2, 623	44	983	188	3	403	14	0	0	224, 724	0
California.....	9	344	6	316	0	48	543	0	0	0	498	21, 458
Colorado.....	351	2, 459	55	774	0	117	421	0	7	339	3, 898	2, 902
Connecticut.....	158	1, 983	31	651	70	0	721	0	312	7, 248	897	0
Delaware.....	69	952	22	482	47	0	158	0	472	1, 410	5, 290	0
Florida.....	381	7, 387	74	3, 622	329	0	684	0	96	6, 217	35, 687	0
Georgia.....	675	6, 923	103	1, 888	268	0	57	64	37	2, 927	129, 026	205, 450
Idaho.....	349	2, 966	72	999	193	3	182	9	245	4, 198	45, 550	0
Illinois.....	3, 860	29, 941	806	10, 707	466	1, 446	4, 255	0	122	3, 386	120, 683	67, 625
Indiana.....	2, 243	12, 811	376	4, 336	981	0	920	0	9	109	1, 473	18, 577
Iowa.....	1, 070	7, 589	339	3, 732	783	0	1, 642	0	2, 652	42, 299	37, 498	0
Kansas.....	1, 042	6, 499	318	3, 337	829	0	92	0	239	5, 278	10, 328	328
Kentucky.....	195	3, 640	62	1, 412	99	104	231	0	45	1, 266	37, 908	2, 967
Louisiana.....	162	1, 716	57	1, 393	171	31	2, 139	4	0	0	62, 393	20, 431
Maine.....	618	7, 833	174	2, 804	230	46	464	9	138	3, 509	33, 554	0
Maryland.....	529	5, 384	72	1, 256	120	36	1, 567	7	3, 321	56, 897	26, 891	0
Massachusetts.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	0	98	4, 705	5, 296	0
Michigan.....	1, 278	13, 163	129	1, 984	317	5	297	34	1, 527	38, 723	32, 360	514
Minnesota.....	1, 741	25, 212	439	8, 606	1, 802	0	4, 237	21	121	4, 037	99, 554	57, 731
Mississippi.....	321	2, 888	32	823	78	0	0	5	173	5, 408	8, 374	0
Missouri.....	344	4, 079	120	1, 818	199	160	172	0	19	1, 126	96, 421	0
Montana.....	46	510	10	179	24	1	140	0	15	856	3, 697	0
Nebraska.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	2, 791	7, 655	0
Nevada.....	37	330	14	192	17	1	70	0	14	716	437	0
New Hampshire.....	400	3, 235	88	1, 280	158	0	317	4	10, 626	79, 452	17, 893	0
New Jersey.....	230	4, 369	22	1, 149	31	8	191	0	920	11, 107	1, 601	0
New Mexico.....	255	2, 589	23	631	78	0	96	0	24	1, 598	2, 833	0
New York.....	1, 400	25, 466	1, 137	22, 749	4	2, 560	6, 677	0	2, 971	53, 633	34, 733	60, 000
North Carolina.....	590	9, 290	39	1, 919	68	0	56	100	611	23, 021	249, 084	0
North Dakota.....	447	8, 338	106	2, 489	391	160	180	26	12	528	54, 972	159, 090
Ohio.....	2, 405	20, 037	449	5, 388	994	64	5, 874	6	2, 500	40, 500	70, 715	330, 000
Oklahoma.....	211	4, 682	77	2, 337	134	57	414	0	450	11, 073	2, 497	743
Oregon.....	2, 728	18, 612	137	3, 428	413	0	119	17	0	0	121, 594	0
Pennsylvania.....	4, 398	43, 482	568	9, 308	2, 189	0	2, 420	20	6, 553	149, 657	76, 358	127, 263
Rhode Island.....	6	85	0	0	0	0	26	0	37	668	103	0
South Carolina.....	596	3, 692	25	598	83	11	129	10	86	6, 056	38, 647	4, 000
South Dakota.....	18	105	2	40	13	2	109	0	3	110	3, 749	2, 000
Tennessee.....	233	5, 804	129	3, 907	227	63	1, 115	4	527	16, 117	47, 097	6, 086
Texas.....	152	3, 725	27	2, 146	359	0	326	0	658	12, 083	1, 779	0
Utah.....	133	1, 069	31	397	0	80	773	0	3	70	9, 274	0
Vermont.....	467	6, 112	165	1, 322	0	288	1, 886	0	909	21, 082	5, 854	5, 791
Virginia.....	505	7, 218	71	2, 323	194	0	397	71	170	9, 652	189, 128	78, 761
Washington.....	578	6, 671	82	2, 002	211	21	2, 240	19	0	0	75, 291	0
West Virginia.....	436	5, 088	23	492	59	0	72	32	285	3, 006	73, 807	0
Wisconsin.....	674	13, 185	222	5, 477	459	247	7, 659	8	6, 159	182, 698	72, 032	224, 625
Wyoming.....	151	1, 315	25	592	38	97	79	0	1	178	6, 144	0
Puerto Rico.....	18	910	3	179	3	1	97	0	12	629	80	2, 166
Total.....	34, 288	353, 943	7, 135	130, 037	13, 851	5, 712	51, 721	528	43, 298	822, 549	2, 369, 265	1, 411, 240

¹ Officials in charge of brucellosis work are the same as those listed in summary of tuberculosis-eradication work.² Nonvaccinated reactors held during the month.³ Includes 776 reactors disclosed during June not previously reported.

BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS PREPARED UNDER LICENSES, JULY 1946

Anti-hog-cholera serum

Period	Preserved (processed)	Completed (batched)	Released	Destroyed
	Cc.	Cc.	Cc.	Cc.
July 1946.....	101,975, 831	112,099, 557	135,163, 650	524, 940
July 1945.....	85, 874, 466	88, 856, 622	131, 945, 170	265, 575
7 months ended—				
July 1946.....	750, 260, 716	748, 084, 219	774, 383, 250	3, 122, 744
July 1945.....	597, 171, 707	592, 598, 454	650, 648, 585	2, 281, 011

Hog-cholera virus

Period	Produced			Destroyed	
	Simultane- ous	Hyperimmu- nizing	Inoculat- ing	Simultane- ous	Hyperim- munizing
	Cc.	Cc.	Cc.	Cc.	Cc.
July 1946.....	11, 913, 006	21, 408, 360	105, 004	425, 105	648, 255
July 1945.....	14, 086, 132	20, 217, 468	105, 536	515, 825	735, 319
7 months ended—					
July 1946.....	64, 522, 566	150, 368, 600	743, 668	2, 574, 032	3, 992, 154
July 1945.....	65, 591, 611	121, 824, 142	707, 200	3, 348, 301	5, 329, 390

INSPECTIONS AND TESTS IN THE PRODUCTION OF HOG-CHOLERA VIRUS AND SERUM UNDER LICENSES, JULY 1946

Period	Animal in- spections	Animal rejections	Pigs in- oculated	Hogs hypered	Tests supervised	
					Serum	Virus
July 1946.....	325, 610	3, 366	32, 504	15, 202	565	381
July 1945.....	294, 855	3, 398	29, 408	13, 497	610	413
7 months ended—						
July 1946.....	2, 170, 101	22, 809	203, 282	110, 593	2, 936	1, 714
July 1945.....	1, 789, 965	21, 018	179, 208	86, 440	2, 577	1, 783

LICENSES ISSUED FOR BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, JULY 1946

License No. 4 issued October 15, 1941, to Abbott Laboratories, Fourteenth Street and Sheridan Road, North Chicago, Ill., was terminated July 13, 1946, and license reissued on the same date to Abbott Laboratories, Fourteenth Street and Sheridan Road, North Chicago, Ill., for autogenous bacterin, blackleg bacterin, hemorrhagic-septicemia bacterin, mixed bacterin (bovine), and mixed bacterin (porcine).

License No. 99 issued July 18, 1946, to The Corn States Serum Co., 1124 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebr., for salmonella choleraesuis bacterin, tetanus antitoxin, and tetanus toxoid.

License No. 191 issued July 11, 1946, to Ashe Lockhart, Inc., 800-804 Woodswether Road, Kansas City, Mo., for anti-colon-bacillus serum.

PERMIT ISSUED FOR ORGANISMS OR VECTORS, JULY 1946

Permit No. 67 issued July 1, 1946, to Dr. W. H. Wright, Division of Zoology National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md., to transport one shipment from Columbia University, 600 West One hundred and Sixty-eighth Street, New York, N. Y.

BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS PRODUCED AND DESTROYED IN LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1946

(Exclusive of anti-hog-cholera serum and hog-cholera virus)

[Cubic centimeters, unless otherwise stated—figures in thousands; i. e., 000 omitted]

ANTITOXINS

	Produced	Destroyed ¹
Botulinus antitoxins.....	584	207
Tetanus antitoxin.....	2,087	502
Other antitoxins.....	31	-----
Total.....	2,702	709

SERUMS

Antianthrax serum.....	1,628	2,737
Antibacterial serum (bovine).....	1,234	241
Antibacterial serum (canine).....	879	43
Antibacterial serum (equine).....	2,623	56
Antibacterial serum (feline).....	244	2
Anti-canine-distemper serum.....	14,516	10
Anticephalomyelitis serum.....	1,406	183
Anti-hemorrhagic-septicemia serum.....	15,918	1,959
Anti-swine-erysipelas serum.....	29,469	574
Normal serum.....	1,569	270
Other serums.....	5,930	42
Total.....	75,416	6,117

AGGRESSINS

Blackleg cultural aggressin.....	5,694	584
Hemorrhagic septicemia aggressin.....	1,110	196
Other aggressins..... disks.....	12	2
Total.....	6,804	780
Total..... disks.....	12	2

DIAGNOSTICS

Avian tuberculin.....	29	1
Mallein.....	45	1
Tuberculin.....	248	19
Total.....	322	21

TOXOIDS

Tetanus toxoid.....	1,117	62
Other toxoids.....	91	-----
Total.....	1,208	62

VACCINES AND VIRUSES

Anthrax spore vaccine.....	7,753	1,177
Brucella abortus vaccine.....	22,469	6,377
Canine-distemper vaccine.....	5,312	220
Canine-distemper virus.....	103	-----
Canine-distemper virus..... milligrams.....	371	88
Encephalomyelitis vaccine.....	2,086	1,565
Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae vaccine.....	865	392
Fowl-laryngotracheitis vaccine..... milligrams.....	11,309	1,422
Fowl-pox vaccine..... do.....	19,585	1,480
Hog-cholera vaccine.....	4,752	1,478
Ovine-ecthyma vaccine..... milligrams.....	1,730	250
Pigeon-pox vaccine..... do.....	4,101	797
Rabies vaccine.....	17,292	2,656
Other vaccines.....	1,407	46
Other vaccines..... disks.....	394	58
Total.....	62,039	13,911
Total..... disks.....	394	58
Total..... milligrams.....	37,096	4,037

¹ Includes products in process and some produced during previous years.

BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS PRODUCED AND DESTROYED IN LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1946—Con.

BACTERINS

	Produced	Destroyed
Anthrax bacterin.....	932	208
Autogenous bacterin.....	1, 131	1
Avisepticus-gallinarum bacterin.....	18, 284	604
Blackleg bacterin.....	78, 692	2, 968
Clostridium chauvei-septicus bacterin.....	17, 883	426
Clostridium hemolyticum bacterin.....	5, 518	148
Coli-enteritidis bacterin.....	787	-----
Corynebacterium-pasteurella bacterin.....	1, 043	-----
Gallinarum typhimurium bacterin.....	1, 883	193
Hemorrhagic-septicemia bacterin.....	41, 141	2, 221
Pasteurella avicida bacterin.....	5, 485	62
Pasteurella pseudodiphthericum bacterin.....	11, 407	513
Pasteurella-salmonella choleraesuis bacterin.....	1, 532	-----
Salmonella choleraesuis bacterin.....	840	111
Staphylococcus-streptococcus bacterin.....	1, 288	10
Other bacterins.....	2, 181	192
Total.....	189, 524	7, 658

MIXED BACTERINS

Mixed bacterin (avian).....	24, 740	1, 342
Mixed bacterin (bovine).....	40, 940	2, 848
Mixed bacterin (canine).....	334	54
Mixed bacterin (equine).....	3, 540	679
Mixed bacterin (ovine).....	4, 343	854
Mixed bacterin (porcine).....	18, 216	2, 555
Other mixed bacterins.....	188	23
Total.....	92, 301	8, 355
Grand total:		
Cubic centimeters.....	430, 316	37, 613
Disks.....	406	60
Milligrams.....	37, 096	4, 037

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

The Bureau Committee on Pay Increases as Rewards for Superior Accomplishment has considered the case of Dr. Robert T. Habermann, who was recommended for such increase. The Committee unanimously recommended that Dr. Habermann be given this extra reward because he substantially exceeded the requirements for an Excellent efficiency rating in both quantity and quality of work production for a period of over 3 months and merits such recognition among those eligible for such rating.

From June 8, 1945, to October 22, 1945, Dr. Habermann was assigned to and carried out to a fruitful conclusion a difficult and complex investigation of the cause and remedy of a serious disease-condition affecting lambs in numerous sheep flocks of western South Dakota, characterized chiefly by diarrhea with heavy death losses.

It was recommended that this promotion be made at the earliest possible effective date.

MEAT INSPECTION AND 28-HOUR LAW ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 21, 1946.

MEMORANDUM NO 1172

Transfer of Enforcement of the Meat Inspection Act and the 28-Hour Law to the Bureau of Animal Industry, ARA

When the enforcement of the Meat Inspection Act, 28-Hour Law, and related general administrative functions were transferred from the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Agricultural Research Administration to the Food Distribution Administration under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9280 dated Decem-

ber 5, 1942 (now assigned to the Production and Marketing Administration), it was for the purpose of facilitating certain operations that were then necessary in order to assure an adequate supply and efficient distribution of food to meet war and essential civilian needs. As is indicated by an agreement between the Secretary of Agriculture and the War Food Administration dated July 16, 1943, it was not contemplated that the arrangement become permanent, but rather that the activities revert to the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Agricultural Research Administration when the situation warranted such action.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Executive Order No. 9577 and 5 U. S. C. 22, it is ordered that effective October 1, 1946, the enforcement of the Meat Inspection Act, 28-Hour Law, and related general administrative functions, together with the personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations concerned in such functions, are transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Agricultural Research Administration.

CLINTON P. ANDERSON, *Secretary*.

The Bureau welcomes the return of all of the employees working on these activities. No change in the conduct of meat-inspection and 28-hour law work is anticipated. The same officials will continue in charge both in Washington and in the field, and the classification of employees will not be affected by the return of the activities to the Bureau.

CHECKS ENDORSED IN BLANK NEGOTIABLE

For the information of employees and others receiving Government checks, there is quoted below an excerpt of a recent ruling of the Comptroller General in regard to a claim for the proceeds of a lost Treasury check which had been received by the payee, endorsed in blank¹ and then mailed to a bank for deposit.

"It has been consistently held by the courts and by this office that if a check drawn to order, is endorsed in blank, it becomes negotiable by delivery, and if the check is lost or stolen, a bona fide holder for value acquires title to it even against the true owner. Inasmuch as your endorsement was in blank, the check became 'bearer paper,' and the Government was obligated to honor the check upon presentation for payment thereof. The record further indicates the check was paid."

In view of the foregoing decision, employees and others are cautioned to observe the following suggestions when endorsing a Government check:

1. Never endorse a check in blank unless it is being converted into cash or deposited immediately upon endorsement.

2. Never endorse a check in blank if it is intended to be mailed for deposit. In such instances, the endorsement should specifically read "For Deposit Only—John Doe."

3. Never endorse a check in blank if it is intended for payment to a particular person, company, or corporation. In such instances, the endorsement should specifically read "Pay to the Order of John Doe" or "Pay to the Order of Doe Brothers," etc.

NOTICE TO ALL BUREAU EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT

Your attention is called to the following footnote which appears on page 49 of the booklet entitled "The Civil Service Retirement Act with Annotations and Regulations:"

Warning.—Under the statute a sick or disabled employee loses all right to disability annuity unless he executes his application for disability annuity before separation from the service or within 6 months thereafter. If an employee having 5 years or more of allowable service becomes disabled, it is not advisable for him to resign pending determination of his rights under the retirement law. If drawing compensation under the Employees' Compensation Act, application for disability annuity under the Retirement Act must, nevertheless, be filed before or within 6 months after separation from the service if preservation of rights under section 6 of the Retirement Act is to be retained.

¹ *Blank endorsement.*—One made by the mere writing of the endorser's name on the back of the note or bill, without mention of the name of any person in whose favor the endorsement is made, but with the implied understanding that any lawful holder may fill in his own name above the endorsement if he so chooses (Black's Law Dictionary, 3d Edition).

All employees, regardless of age, who have had 5 years' allowable service should be governed accordingly should they become sick or disabled. They should not submit resignations if they wish to make application for disability retirement.

MISUSE OF BUREAU AUTOMOBILES

Section 202 (b) of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1946, states in part as follows:

"Any officer or employee of the Government who willfully uses or authorizes the use of any Government-owned motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle, or of any motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle leased by the Government, for other than official purposes or otherwise violates the provisions of this subsection shall be suspended from duty by the head of the department or establishment concerned, without compensation, for not less than 1 month, and shall be suspended for a longer period or summarily removed from office if circumstances warrant. * * *

"Official purposes" shall not include the transportation of officers and employees between their domiciles and places of employment, except in case of medical officers on out-patient medical services and except in cases of officers and employees engaged in field work the character of whose duties makes such transportation necessary and then only as to such latter cases when the same is approved by the head of the department or establishment concerned.

It is now mandatory that an employee using a Government car for personal use be either suspended from duty for not less than 1 month or summarily removed from office. This new legislation does not necessarily mean a general reduction of the penalty in such cases in the Department and is not indicative of any disposition of the Bureau to condone the use of its cars for personal use, a practice which is expressly forbidden.

This supersedes the announcement in the July 1944 issue of Service and Regulatory Announcements.

AMENDMENTS TO DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

The following amendments to the regulations of the Department have been made:

Amendment 222, covering regulation 1831.

Amendment 223, covering regulation 1541.

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